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HARD BLOW FOR THE FARMERS OF GILA VALLEY

President Kimball Interviews Governor Hunt and Corporation Commission

ON CHANGE IN FLOUR RATES

Which Would Put the Local Millers and Farmers Out of Commission

Like Tucson, the Gila valley is threatened with serious consequences as a result of the action of the Arizona Corporation Commission in intervening in the flour rate case and bringing about a change in the differential rate between wheat and flour, which will result in the closing of local mills, according to Honorable Andrew Kimball, President of St. Joseph Stake of the Church of Latter day Saints, and of the Gila Academy at Thatcher, who stopped here today (Friday, June 19th), returning from Phoenix, where he interviewed Governor Hunt and the members of the Corporation Commission on the effect of this change in rate. President Kimball is also chairman of the State Board of Agriculture and Horticulture.

"I explained to the governor and the Corporation Commission," said President Kimball, "that while one local industry is wiped out by this change in rate, the most serious aspect of the situation is the effect on the farmers. It would be a terrible blow to the Gila valley. I explained to them that I am not an aristocrat, but a mediocre citizen who mingles with the masses. They have an idea they were aiming a blow at the corporations and benefiting the masses, when, as a matter of fact, they were aiming blow directly at the farmers. There is very little difference in the price of flour under the new rate and in many instances the middleman is the only one to benefit.

"We produce 40 per cent of the wheat that goes into the flour made in Arizona. Our soft wheat is blended with hard Kansas wheat and makes an excellent flour. The differential as drawn out by the late action of the Corporation Commission makes it impossible for the home producer to make a good commercial article.

"We have an abundant harvest this year in the Gila valley. Recently we appointed a committee of five to investigate the prices of grain. We found that in comparison with California and other places we were obtaining a good price. Mr. Leo Goldschmidt induced our farmers to plant a higher grade of wheat and as a result they are producing a better article and he is paying a higher price for it. Our farmers produced a hundred thousand dollars worth of wheat last year. We were paid \$1.25 for barley and the same article is now selling for \$1.15. Mr. Goldschmidt told me that they lost some years, but if they could make a profit on five years' business they would be satisfied. They make a small profit on their flour. The mills buy our grain, pay cash for it, store it and insure it and it would be nothing short of a calamity to put the mills out of business.

"I am looking beyond today. We have a new State with boundless resources and we are advertising for settlers to come here and develop these resources. As a rule these settlers are not well provided with funds and have a struggle to get a start. Water is scarce and we can raise grain when we cannot raise alfalfa. We want to grow more grain and right in the face of this the Corporation Commission is striking a blow at the milling industry and at our farmers which will retard greatly the future development of our great State."

President Kimball is a practical farmer himself, has State-wide interests and as president of the Board of Agriculture and Horticulture, is solicitous for the welfare of the farmers.—Tucson Citizen.

NOT A CANDIDATE

Andrew Kimball announces that he is not a candidate for the nomination of State senator. Mr. Kimball states that he is not in politics for office and that he has not changed his mind.

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MEETING OF LEAGUE

Will Be Held in the Academy at Thatcher Tomorrow Saturday Afternoon

At 10:00 o'clock tomorrow morning (Saturday) there will be a meeting of the executive board of the Good Government League, in the Gila Academy, Thatcher. This call is signed by Frank Tyler, president, and John F. Nash, secretary.

In the afternoon a meeting will be held of all members and all taxpayers and citizens who desire to associate themselves with this movement. This meeting will take place immediately after the priesthood meeting, which convenes at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

There will be two or more members of the Executive board of the State Taxpayers' Association from Phoenix present, who will go over the work in hand with the local executive board and prepare to associate the county organizations with the State association. All citizens are invited to attend, regardless of political or religious affiliations.

Regarding this new movement upon the part of the taxpayers within the State and the organization of a county branch of the State Taxpayers' Association, Mr. Kimball makes the following explanation:

"There is on foot a State-wide movement upon the part of taxpayers to get together upon all matters affecting taxes and the disposition of the public funds.

"As a member of the Executive Board of the State Taxpayers' Association, I took the responsibility of initiating an organization in Graham county calculated to do the very same thing.

"By the aid of a few citizens there was formulated a county society, called 'The Good Government League.' A tentative declaration of principals and by-laws were outlined and presented to the general public at a called meeting, which took place at 1:00 o'clock p. m. last Sunday, and was signed by over 150 citizens. There was an executive board of eight elected, consisting of, I believe, five republicans and three democrats, and a majority Mormons.

"As announced above, there will be a meeting of this board tomorrow, Saturday, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., in the Academy, with the State officials, who will likely blend the county with the State organization, agreeable to the wishes of the members who will meet at 2:00 o'clock p. m.

"I helped organize this local association, but in so doing I disclaim any personal animosity or an attack upon any or either of the county officials, present incumbents or of past record, and be it remembered that the majority of officials are of my people whose general interests are identical with my own.

"My action in this organization as in all others of which I have to deal, is purely of a public character. I consider it my duty to look to the good of all and thereby bring about better government and greater good to the greater number, and if there should appear to be any whose personal interests have to be sacrificed, I want it known that I cannot help it, as the individual should be sacrificed, if there be any disposition to do so, rather than the public should suffer.

"I still affirm that there is no personal matter in it so far as my feelings are concerned; as a public officer I deal only with the public. As written in the declaration of principals, we are not in politics as an organization, but as individual members of the society we are, as every man and woman ought to be. No person is too good or too high up in office to justify the failure to take part in the government.

"We do not hesitate, however, to say we expect to influence the parties and their platforms and principles, for that is one of the worthy purposes for which we are organizing ourselves, I anticipate that growing out of this organization, there will not only be better officers elected to office, if possible, but we hope to aid in making them better. In the course of time there will be delegated accountants and experts in government who will audit the county affairs and aid wherever possible to bring about greater efficiency and economy in dealing with the public and the treasury.

"It is not the purpose of the Good Government League to knock and disclose the weaknesses of public officials, but to lend them every assistance possible to make it easier for them.

"This then, is a matter that belongs to the taxpayers and citizens, this is not a personal warfare, if warfare you will call it; it is just doing things the right way by the public for the public good. But after reading the above and the declaration of principles as they will

A. O. Lamoreaux for Supervisor

At the solicitation of many friends, A. O. Lamoreaux has announced himself a candidate for the nomination of county supervisor, subject to the action of the democratic party at the primary election, September 8, 1914.

Mr. Lamoreaux is one of the best known citizens of Graham county, having resided here for twenty years. He has been engaged for years in farming and selling farm products and is also in the cattle business. As a business man he has been a success.

Mr. Lamoreaux is broad-minded and believes in good schools. He served as a school trustee in Hubbard for sixteen years and was considered one of the best school trustees in the county. Four of his children attended the Gila Academy last year, one of them, a daughter, graduating.

Mr. Lamoreaux has always been a democrat and true to his party's principles. For years he was chairman of the democratic central committee from Hubbard. He has never sought for or held a political office.

Mr. Lamoreaux believes in economy in the administration of the affairs of the people, and would undoubtedly make an efficient county officer.

Honeymoon On Motorcycle

On the first honeymoon trip ever taken in the State on a motorcycle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fishor, of Safford, are in the city.

Fisher, who is assistant cashier of the Bank of Safford, and Miss Sedohr Knox, were married at Tucson, June 7th.

Immediately after their marriage they boarded a train for the Gila valley town, where they secured the bridegroom's motorcycle and side car.

Disregarding warnings from their many friends that it would be impossible to negotiate the 500-mile journey, they set out on the motorcycle and its attachment.

They were told that they could not possibly get any farther than Geronimo, that a motorcycle with such an attachment did not have enough power to travel through the deep desert sand and climb the steep mountain grades.

But the couple could not be talked out of their novel expedition. They passed through Globe and Roosevelt, climbed the Fish Creek hill, and arrived in Phoenix Thursday without the least bit of trouble.

During their stay in the city they stopped at the Hotel Adams. They will leave for their home in Safford this afternoon, returning via Tucson.

Honeymoons with a motorcycle are something new in Arizona. An elopement of a Phoenix couple to Florence on a motorcycle about two years ago was the first for a motorcycle to play a part in Arizona matrimonial circles.—Arizona Gazette.

Woman's Club Is Entertained

The Woman's Club was entertained Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. J. Dowdle, who was assisted by Mrs. Geo. S. Andrus, Mrs. Jack Freeman and Mrs. Geo. P. Jacobson. The ladies enjoyed a musical program on the lawn, after which delightful refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served.

AN ENJOYABLE PICNIC

The members of the Solomonsville Catholic Church gave a picnic Tuesday afternoon at J. Carrasco's ranch, in honor of Rev. Edouard Albouy, former rector of the church, now in charge of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church at Yuma, Arizona, who arrived in Solomonsville Monday afternoon to spend a few days with his former parishioners. A large crowd was in attendance and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent in games and refreshments.

HEARING POSTPONED

The hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the hay grain rates, which was to be held in Phoenix, Monday, June 29th, has been postponed until Monday, August 10th.

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The best cold drinks and ice cream at THE PALMS.

appear in a later issue of THE GUARDIAN if there are any yet so narrow-minded that they still have personal grievances against the movers of this public benefactor, or those to insinuate 'Church influence,' to them I have but to say, friends you are mistaken."

A LAST WORD

The awakening of a civic consciousness in Safford, promises all the things that go to make up an ideal home atmosphere.

Love of home is the most sacred inheritance of the human family and all efforts directed towards a betterment of the surrounding conditions strengthen a community.

Good water, modern schools, better roads, electric lights are all ours—now let us add clean streets and yards. Cleanliness means good health and creates self-respect. Will you join us in this campaign for chasing dirt?

If you cannot have your tin cans and refuse hauled, dig holes and bury them. By so doing you are adding valuable elements and humus to the soil and getting rid of a possible source of typhoid in your family.

Will you help us 'clean up,' neighbor?

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THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

THE PROGRAM FOR CELEBRATION

Salute to the Flag, Street Parade, Exercises in Park and Street Sports

CONTESTS BY VALLEY FIREMEN

Prizes for Best Decorated Business Building, Store Windows and Automobiles

The committee of arrangements for Independence Day has completed the program for the day. Beginning at sunrise with the raising of the flag and a salute, the parade, which starts at 9:30 o'clock, the patriotic exercises in the park, beginning at 11:00 o'clock and in the afternoon the street sports and firemen's exhibition, to be followed in the evening by a dance at Brier's Hall, bringing together all the events to make a joyous day for everyone in the celebration of the Nation's greatest holiday.

The program, as arranged by the committee, is as follows:

Sunrise—Flag raising and salute, by Chas. S. Gilpin.

The Parade

9:30 o'clock—Parade will start in front of the residence of Judge Fonda. The line of March will be down Ninth street to K street, to Tenth street, to M street, to Eleventh street, to Wickerman Park. The Pioneer Band will head the parade.

Formation of the parade—R. W. Smith, marshal of the day, assisted by Thos. J. Alger and W. N. Nelson, mounted.

Pioneer Band in Solvico Truck.

Safford Volunteer Fire Department. Safford Lodge, No. 886. L. O. O. M. Safford Camp Fire Girls.

Layton Camp Fire Girls.

Decorated automobiles and carriages.

Exercises in Park

Address of Welcome. Lee N. Stratton Reading "Declaration of Independence."

..... Judge J. M. McCollum

"My Country 'tis of Thee"

..... Hon. Reese M. Swift

Oration..... Hon. Reese M. Swift

Solo, "Star Spangled Banner"

..... Mrs. J. A. McNeal

Accompanied by Mrs. Harrell.

Address, "What is Wanted in the Gila Valley"..... Hon. Andrew Kimball

Solo..... Hon. Andrew Kimball

Accompanied by Mrs. Harrell.

Upon the conclusion of the exercises, dinner will be announced, with the Camp Fire Girls in charge.

Street Sports

Under the direction of F. L. Ginter, Sam Paxton and W. P. Lathrop, sports committee.

Ring tournament.—(For rules and regulations, see W. N. Wilson.) Prize, \$25.00. Entrance fee, \$1.00, to be added to purse. Open to all and entries close ten minutes before starting contest.

100-yd. Dash.—Purse, \$10.00.

50-yd. Dash.—Purse, \$5.00.

50-yd. Dash, for boys under seventeen years.—Purse, \$5.00.

50-yd. Dash, for girls under 17 years.—Purse, \$5.00.

For these races no entrance fees will be charged and all entries must be made by residents of Graham county.

50-yd. Sack Race, for boys.—Prize, \$2.00. Boys will draw for places. Ten entries.

Pulling contest, for Cow Ponies.—Purse, \$5.00. Prize will be awarded to two best pulling ponies. Weight for ponies, 900 pounds.

Bicycle Race, 200 yards, for boys.—Purse, \$5.00. Open to all.

Bicycle Race, 200 yards, for girls.—Purse, \$5.00. Open to all.

Blindman's Race, girls and boys, 25 yards.—Purse, \$2.00.

Firemen's Sports

Under direction of E. W. Clayton.

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Candidate for Representative

J. D. Lee, of Thatcher, is announced as a candidate for State representative, subject to the action of the democratic party at the primary election, September 8, 1914.

Mr. Lee came to Graham county about twelve years ago from Apache county, becoming a resident of Thatcher and becoming one of its most substantial citizens. He is a man of integrity, honor and worth. A profound thinker; is progressive, and stands for economy and efficiency of institutions and officers.

Mr. Lee is a man of family and deserves much praise in his raising of a family of useful, public spirited citizens. Three of his daughters are graduates of the State Normal School at Flagstaff and are now successful school teachers. He has children attending the public school, Gila Academy and State Normal School, and one daughter attending college in California.

Mr. Lee is a life-long democrat and always has been true and consistent in his principles of democracy.

Mr. Lee is not a voluntary candidate, but is persuaded to make the race for the nomination of State representative, by his many friends, who believe him capable and qualified in every way to represent the interests of the people of Graham county.

Industries May Go Out of Business

Following the action of the State Corporation Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission changing the rates on flour and wheat, the differential being made so small that it struck a blow at our milling industry, the business men of Tucson asked Leo Goldschmidt, president of the Eagle Milling Co., what the effect would be upon the mill in Tucson. He remarked that they would go out of business, and possibly the Safford mill. As a result of this statement, all the leading business interests in Tucson petitioned the commission and urged a re-hearing and change, and urged that matters affecting rates along this line be left alone.

Observing the situation while in Phoenix, President Kimball immediately interviewed the governor and commission, with the result as shown in the interview and editorial in the Tucson Citizen, under date of June 19th, which is published in this issue of THE GUARDIAN for the information of the farmers of the valley.

OLNEY A VISITOR

Hon. Geo. A. Olney, chairman of the State Democratic Central Committee, arrived here Sunday from Globe for a short visit, leaving here for his home in Phoenix Monday morning. Mr. Olney was looking well and in fine spirits.

Get your wedding rings at FREEMAN'S JEWELRY STORE, Safford.

The Utility Shop Is Burglarized

Thieves broke into the Utility Shop Saturday and smashed the money drawer in the desk, taking all its contents, amounting to about \$40.00. Of this amount there was about \$29.75 in checks, the balance being in cash.

Entrance was made into the building through lifting one of the sliding doors opening into the garage. No other property was taken by the thieves, who evidently had the "lay" of the place well in mind and knew where the money was kept.

"THE FOUNTAIN OF LIFE"

A very interesting program was given Sunday evening at the Baptist Church by the King's Daughters, led by Mrs. Coward, which presented the drama, "The Fountain of Life." A large fountain and well formed part of the scenery for the play, which was well acted. A program consisting of recitations by Mrs. Cuscaden's class and singing by the choir, preceded the play.

Cash paid for eggs, butter, chickens, fruit and vegetables, at SAFFORD MARKET. adv-16-4t

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Welker Monday night.

Always Lead to Better Health

Serious sicknesses start in disorders of the stomach, liver and kidneys. The best corrective and preventive is Dr. King's New Life Pills. They purify the blood—prevent constipation, keep liver, kidneys and bowels in healthy condition. Give you better health by ridding the system of fermenting and gassy foods. Effective and mild. 25c., at your druggist.

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WATER USERS' MEET

Will Form Incorporation. Committee Will Investigate Potter's Proposition

The Gila Valley Waters Users' Association held its regular monthly meet at Brier's Hall, Wednesday afternoon.

Phil C. Merrill presided at the meeting and John F. Weber, acted as secretary in the absence of Ph. Fruedenthal.

Mr. Merrill stated that the first business of the meeting would be the discussion and action on the proposed articles of incorporation, which had been drawn up by the committee.

The articles of incorporation were read and considerable discussion, participated in by W. W. Pace, Ben Maurer, Andrew Kimball, Richard Layton, John Epley, Dave Claridge, J. M. Wilson, John Bilby and others followed.

Attorney Lee N. Stratton explained to the meeting that only individual land owners can organize the association into a corporation.

A motion was made by Andrew Kimball that the Gila Valley Waters Users' Association proceed to incorporate according to law, which was carried unanimously.

A committee, consisting of Wm. Ellsworth, David Claridge and Richard Layton, was appointed, on motion, by the chairman, to meet with Attorney Lee N. Stratton and complete the articles of incorporation, and to report at an adjourned meeting of the association to be held in Thatcher, tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, at 4:00 o'clock.

The proposition of Dell M. Potter to turn over to the farmers of the valley an undivided half interest in his irrigation company was then brought before the meeting by John F. Weber and Andrew Kimball.

It was explained that all the plans and surveys had been made. Sites secured above Clifton and at the mouth of the Frisco river, for building dams which would conserve water enough to irrigate 75,000 acres of land, and that this irrigation project had been filed in 1907, thus establishing priority rights.

The farmers of this valley would become equal partners in the company, at no expense, except the amount expended for necessary expenses to date by Mr. Potter amounting to about \$1,200.

Mr. Potter's project would finally be disposed of July 15th, and his proposition carried with it a request for a committee to visit the sites, go over the plans and report back to farmers of the valley in time for action to be taken by July 1st, as to whether the farmers would accept his proposition or not.

A committee, consisting of W. W. Pace, Evans Coleman and J. M. Wilson was appointed to investigate the proposition of Mr. Potter and report to the meeting in Thatcher Saturday afternoon.

Evans Coleman reported to the association that tailings were being put into the river by three mining companies, operating at Mogollon, N. M., the tailings coming from their mills into the Frisco river. The names of the companies are: The Socorro Mining Co., The Deadwood Mining Co. and the Ernestine Mining Co.

Mr. Kimball made a motion that it was the sentiment of the farmers of the Gila valley to stand strongly by the court decision to prevent tailings being put into the river. This motion was carried and the matter will be taken up for investigation.

The matter of rates on hay and grain as made by the corporation commission was brought before the meeting by J. M. Wilson.

The discussion showed that the farmers of the valley must get together and defend their rights at the hearing which will be held in Phoenix, August 10th, by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It was decided on motion that the farmers attend the meeting tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon and form an organization to protect their rights before the commission.

The meeting then adjourned.

TO ORGANIZE GYMNASIUM

A meeting will be held next Wednesday night, July 1st, at 8:00 o'clock, in Brier's Hall, for the purpose of organizing a gymnasium association. Everybody interested in athletics is invited to be present.

COMMITTEE.

Cash paid for eggs, butter, chickens, fruit and vegetables, at SAFFORD MARKET. adv-16-4t

Dr. Schell, the well-known optician of Tucson, will be at the Hotel Olive today and tomorrow, at Solomonsville Sunday. If you need glasses, call on him for expert examination. adv-19-1t

TUCSON SENDS STRONG PETITION TO COMMISSION

Business Men Protest Against the Attacks on Business in the State

TIME TO GIVE BUSINESS A REST

Too Much Politics and Too Little Attention to Business in Public Affairs

A petition has been sent to the State Corporation Commission by practically every business man in Tucson, calling attention to their belief that the actions and proposed actions of the commission is hurting the business interests of the State by its continual attacks on the important business interests.

This petition is signed by bankers, merchants and manufacturers, agricultural companies and by men in other walks of life, but all prominent in the business life of Tucson to the number of fifty-two signatures.

Following is the petition, which it is said was inspired by a recent ruling of the commission which will cause the suspension of business by the Eagle Milling Company, of Tucson, one of the largest industries of that city:

"Tucson, Arizona, June 11, 1914. ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION.

Gentlemen:—We, the board of directors and members of the Chamber of Commerce in the city of Tucson, respectfully submit that the immediate and future prosperity of the State of Arizona depends largely, if not entirely, on more population, more capital and more transportation facilities.

"We believe that the construction of another transcontinental line and the immediate construction of that part of the line between Tucson and Phoenix is now being stifled, if not actually prevented, by existing laws and by fear of unfavorable rulings and orders of the Corporation Commission.

"The recent nullification by the Supreme Court of adverse railroad laws relieved, temporarily at least, a condition of unrest which was most hurtful to the business interests of this section, if not the entire State. We deprecate your actions in undertaking to revitalize these laws, and cannot understand why, at this time, with business affairs in bad shape and business men and industries suffering largely because of unwise laws and unwholesome agitation and unrest, particularly on the eve of a State election.

"Is it not about time to give business a rest and let business men recover lost ground, and leave the details of operation of the railroads to the managers?

"If any citizen or class of citizens feel that any particular rate or rates are excessive, they will ask you to investigate, but we cannot see why the Corporation Commission should, of its own volition, or through the instrumentality of any member working in his individual capacity, agitate these questions, particularly at this time, when every line of business is suffering from excessive, unwise and unwholesome regulation and legislation.

"In our opinion we have had too much politics and too little business in our public affairs during the two years last past, and we think, in the interest of all concerned, it is time to protest openly and frankly against a continuance of such conditions."

Freeman, the Jeweler, has just received a stock of new goods, consisting of Ladies' and Gents' watches, bracelets, La Vallieres, lockets, rings and other jewelry. Also a new line of parlor and mantel clocks. At G. L. Youngs' old stand. adv-19-2t

J. C. Ellsworth has shipped in this week from Point Loma, Cal., a dozen Rosecroft Barred Rocks, all pedigreed stock.

Granulated sugar, 16 pounds for \$1.00; 100 pounds for \$5.50. SAFFORD MARKET. adv-16-4t

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"I have tried various colic and diarrhoea remedies, but the only one that has given me entire satisfaction and cured me when I was afflicted is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I recommend it to all my friends at all times," writes S. N. Galloway, Stewart, S. C. For sale by Safford Drug Co. adv-16-4t